



*The Fourth Sunday
in
Ordinary Time
January 29, 2017*

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: JAN. 28 TO FEB. 05

THANK YOU FR. RAYMOND LAFONTAINE, for visiting and preaching at our parish this weekend. We are blessed to have you as our new Episcopal Vicar!

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Saturday	Jan. 28	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
4:30 pm	Emilia Reda		Iannuzzi family
Sunday	Jan. 29		
9:00 am	Our Parishioners		
11:00 am	Domenico Mancini		Mary & Guy Taillon
Monday	Jan. 30		
8:30 am	Glenn Doyle		Shirley Legath
Tuesday	Jan. 31		
8:30 am	Antonio Pellegrino		Suzanne Cousineau et famille
Wednesday	Feb. 01		
8:30 am	Jack Scimone		Mary Scimone
Thursday	Feb. 02	The Presentation of the Lord	
8:30 am	Russell Sylvia		The Redmond family
Friday	Feb. 03		
8:30 am	Joe Ortuso		The Donaghy family
Saturday	Feb. 04	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
4:30 pm	Our Parishioners		
Sunday	Feb. 05		
9:00 am	Jack Scimone		
11:00 am	Antonio Pan		Marco & Line Argentino

SANCTUARY LAMP

Week of:

Jan. 29: Antonio & Alberta Fiori, requested by the Gafoor family

Feb. 05: Joseph Bastone, requested by Rosemarie & Joe Furino

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR JAN. 21/22

Offerings: \$ 5, 135.00

Next Second Collection: **February 12**, for Religious Education

LORD, GRANT MERCY AND LASTING PEACE to those who died recently, and strength and comfort to those who mourn them: **Vito Maurovich**, husband of Dolores Maurovich, **Gregory Scott Petersen**, husband of Rose-Anne Marie Cadieux

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION: Feb 03 is the First Friday of the month. You are invited to join for an hour of adoration between 10:00 a. and midnight. Please sign up in the book at the back of the church.

FAITH FIRST NEWS

Confirmation gathering #4: **Tuesday, Feb 7**

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD, FEBRUARY 2



At the end of the fourth century, a woman named Etheria made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Her journal, discovered in 1887, gives an unprecedented glimpse of liturgical life there. Among the celebrations she describes is the Epiphany (January 6), the observance of Christ's birth, and the

gala procession in honour of his Presentation in the Temple 40 days later—February 15. (Under the Mosaic Law, a woman was ritually “unclean” for 40 days after childbirth, when she was to present herself to the priests and offer sacrifice—her “purification.” Contact with anyone who had brushed against mystery—birth or death—excluded a person from Jewish worship.) This feast emphasizes Jesus' first appearance in the Temple more than Mary's purification. The observance spread throughout the Western Church in the fifth and sixth centuries. Because the Church in the West celebrated Jesus' birth on December 25, the Presentation was moved to February 2, 40 days after Christmas.

At the beginning of the eighth century, Pope Sergius inaugurated a candlelight procession; at the end of the same century the blessing and distribution of candles which continues to this day became part of the celebration, giving the feast its popular name: Candlemas.

In Luke's account, Jesus was welcomed in the temple by two elderly people, Simeon and the widow Anna. They embody Israel in their patient expectation; they acknowledge the infant Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah. Early references to the Roman feast dub it the feast of St. Simeon, the old man who burst into a song of joy which the Church still sings at day's end:

“Lord, now let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled: my own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people: a light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen” *Canticle of Simeon (Lk 2:29-32)*

BLESSING OF THROATS, FEBRUARY 3



As usual on the Feast of St. Blaise (died 316 AD), our priests will bless throats after the 8:30 am Mass this Friday, by touching throats with two crossed candles while invoking the prayer of the saint and imparting God's blessing in these words: "Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

“Suffering and illness have always been among the greatest problems that trouble the human spirit. Christians feel and experience pain as do all other people; yet their faith helps them to grasp more deeply the mystery of suffering and to bear their pain with greater courage. . . . Part of the plan laid out by God's providence is that we should fight strenuously against all sickness and carefully seek the blessings of good health, so that we may fulfill our role in human society and in the Church . . . The blessing of the sick by ministers of the Church is a very ancient custom, rooted in imitation of Christ himself and his apostles. . . . the annual blessing of throats is a traditional sign of the struggle against illness in the life of the Christian.”

Pastoral Care of the Sick and The Roman Ritual

DONATION TO BECKET Connaissance Travel of Toronto organized our parish anniversary pilgrimage to Italy last fall, and has donated \$1000.00 from the tickets sales back to our parish. We are planning a pilgrimage with them, for September 2017, to the Holy Land, which could also result in a donation to Becket.

ARE YOU A FAN OF EWTN? Join an EWTN Family Celebration (The Life & Legacy of Mother Angelica), with Fr. Larry Richards, Fr. Mitch Pacwa and others, and Mass with Archbishop Prendergast. **In Ottawa on April 1.** Tickets are free but need to be reserved. Contact Corey Jolly at (514) 925-4300, ext. 251 or cjolly@diocesemontreal.org for ticket and transportation details.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER! Join us on **Tues. Feb. 28** for food and fun at our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Mardi Gras celebration. 5:30 - 7 pm. \$5.00 per person. Children 3 and under free. *We need more volunteers to make pancakes or sausages & serve.* Rina 514-915-7586.

FEED THE HUNGRY DINNER-DANCE FUNDRAISER: The Catholic Women's League and Angels of Mercy invite you to a Valentine Dinner-Dance Fundraiser on **February 11, at 6 p.m.** in our parish hall. All profits will go to the Angels of Mercy to help "Feed the Hungry with Amore!" Tickets are \$35.00 (with a \$25.00 tax receipt). **Selling tickets at the exit doors of the church after masses the weekends of Jan. 27/28 and Feb. 4/5** or call: Michelle 514-694-8879 or Margaret 514-626-0841.

LENTEN MISSION: St. Thomas à Becket Parish along with Jesus Light of the World, and St. Luke's parishes, invite you to our upcoming Lenten Mission: *Go Build My Church.* Guest speaker, Fr. Philip Chircop, S.J. internationally known as a retreat master and public speaker will explore three themes that can help transform us into becoming instruments of Peace and Good News:

Thursday, March 2: *A Church that Rocks & Rolls:* Exploring a Church that is a movement more than an institution.

Friday, March 3: *A Church on Fire:* How can we grow in passion, enthusiasm and zeal for our faith through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Saturday, March 4: *A Church of Easter People:* Exploring the beautiful practice of Easter People, who joyfully share the Gospel message.

Mission begins at 7:00 pm each evening at St. Luke's Parish. All welcome.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER CELEBRATION

On Sat. Feb. 11 a special bilingual Mass will be celebrated at Mary, Queen of the World Cathedral at 5:00 pm, presided by Archbishop Christian Lépine, followed by a reception at 7:00 pm at La Plaza, 420 Sherbrooke O. \$150.00 / couple. Music & entertainment by DJ Universal. Four course dinner with wine. Dancing & cash bar. Free Parking. RSVP Daisy & Tino (514) 327-9962 / Mary & Len (514) 809-7556 marriageencounter@hotmail.com

A CREED FOR THOSE WHO SUFFER

I asked God for strength, that I might achieve. I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey.....

I asked for health, that I might do great things. I was given infirmity, that I might do better things.....

I asked for riches, that I might be happy. I was given poverty, that I might be wise.....

I asked for power, that I may have the praise of men. I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God.....

I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life. I was given life, that I might enjoy all things.....

I got nothing I asked for- but everything I had hoped for.

Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered.

I am, among men, most richly blessed!

~ Roy Campanella